

Penalizing of pharma companies on false claims

3298. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the steps taken by Government to penalize the pharmaceutical companies who advertise false claims;
- (b) the number of cases reported in the last five years; and
- (c) the steps taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c): The advertisements of certain drugs for the treatment of specified diseases and disorders is regulated under the Drugs & Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954. The Act is administered by the officers appointed for the purpose by the State Governments.

The action in respect of cases detected for the violation of the said Act is taken by the State Licensing Authorities. The data is not being maintained centrally.

Increasing of basic amenities for patients visiting All MS

†3299. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that around 39,033 patients have been admitted AIIMS, New Delhi during the year 2005-06 as compared to a total of 13,752 patients in the year 2003-04;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there has been no increase in basic amenities, doctors, experts, assistants and other testing equipments despite increase in the number of patients admitted in AIIMS, New Delhi;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that death rate among admitted patients has also increased as compared to increase in admission of patients; and
- (d) if so, comprehensive details thereof upto the year 2006-07, year-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) It has been reported by AIIMS that 129573 patients have been admitted in the Institute (including centres) during the year 2005-06 as compared to a total of 109786 patients in the year 2003-04. The Institute is maintaining the required number of doctors, nurses and other staff to maintain optimal level of patients care services. At present, the total staff strength is 8653. The Institute is also making efforts to upgrade the infrastructure facilities keeping in view of advances in Medical Science and the workload.

During 2005-06 and 2006-07, the Institute was provided grant-in-aid of Rs. 323.69 crores under Plan for upgrading the existing infrastructure/creation of new facilities for providing services to the patients. 811 additional regular posts of doctors and other staff have been created for AIIMS for the purpose of manning new facilities like Trauma Centre, IRCH, etc.

(c) and (d) The admission and death over last four years is as under:

Year	Admission	Death
2003-04	109786	2952
2004-05	121414	3077
2005-06	129573	3563
2006-07	125983	3172

Enhancement of retirement age

3300. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to increase the retirement age to 62 years from 60 years of all Central Government health service officers, teaching, non-teaching and public health experts; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government has already enhanced the age of superannuation of doctors belonging to (i) Teaching; (ii) Non-teaching; and (iii) Public health sub-